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- ☒ [X] The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending patent Application Nos. 09/460,770, 09/502,043, 10/630,664, and the application (continuation of Application No. 09/460,770) entitled, "Fiber/Wired Communication System," filed August 13, 2003, Attorney Docket No. 113692CON, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications are not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

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